

I am vehemently opposed to relaxing rules regarding tv and newspaper ownership. I believe that this would result in fewer and fewer outlets giving more and more limited and/or biased information to the public. This has certainly already happened in radio since those rules were relaxed in 1996. Clear Channel going from 40 to 1200 outlets, and now "owning" most concert venues along with huge portions of the airway is a clear indication of the result.

Americans already get a very limited viewpoint and even limited news. Purchase of the major networks by large conglomerates has clearly been reducing their abilities to be objective and truth seeking in all cases over the last few years. While some have alternate sources - particularly the internet - most people I know rely solely on the major networks and/or local major paper (in our case, the Boston Globe, owned by the NY Times) to obtain information about issues.

You are doing a disservice to the American public which you serve if you vote to relax these rules and allowing corporate America to consume more independent stations, which is certain to follow.